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REMARKS

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1. On 12 October 1950 three troop trains, composed primarily of boxcars, were unloaded in Zehdenick. The unloaded troops were

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the military camp. *

2. On 13 October 1950 a train carrying 46 trucks

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were unloaded at the railroad station of Zehdenick. **

3. On 14 October 1950 a Soviet colonel from Uberswalde said that the troops would not return to their home stations, but would start an exercise designated "concentration for the seizure of Berlin" in a few days. New units arrived in the camp. ***

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* Comment. The three trains are believed to have run under the transportation program for the shipping of troops from the U.S.S.R. to the Soviet Zone of Germany via Kuestrin which began on 26 September 1950. The motor vehicles picking up the troops belonged to the 5th Gds Mecz Div, the 25th Tank Div and to headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

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** Comment. The trucks belonged to the 10th Gds Tank Div. It is possible that elements of this division participated in large-scale fall maneuvers conducted by the components of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in the Tomplin area and farther to the south. that the units from the Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz, and from Gross Glienicke were scheduled to leave about 1 October 1950. See

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*** Comment. The that the units from Uberswalde would return to their home station in mid-October 1950 and those from Prenzlau in early November 1950. This previous information was also obtained from the Soviet colonel mentioned in subject report. The stated purpose of the exercise does not appear improbable. The train movements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from the Lieberose maneuver area to the area west of Berlin, i.e., the unloading points of Gross Behnitz and Doeberitz between 1 and 3 October have been connected with this exercise.

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It is also believed that other elements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div were shipped by rail to the area west of Berlin after 3 October 1950. See [REDACTED]

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